

A Thesis  
On  
Hahnemannism the true Science  
of  
Homoeopathy

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In glancing at the history of  
medicine, we are surprised  
that it has made such slow  
progress till within a com-  
paratively short time. We  
cannot wonder, that during  
so long a period and from  
the great study and careful  
attention, which Physicians  
have always paid to the  
treatment of disease, that  
Medicine, that Science, which  
of all is most important to  
man, has made such tardy  
progress, when we perceive  
that the great, and all  
absorbing thought has  
been, to find a specific  
for each and every disease.  
This has been the all absorbing



secret, which the Physicians  
and Alchemists of Medicine  
have sought for, - and in  
vain.

This system, which as an  
idea or rather ~~an~~ belief  
of classing a number of  
symptoms together under  
one group or name, and  
adapting to the cure of  
that class or name of symptoms,  
a combination of crude drugs,  
has been handed down from  
Hippocrates to the latter half  
of the eighteenth century.

Thus from the very infancy  
of our noble science, down  
to the present time, the discovery  
of a specific for disease has



called forth the whole mental energy and attention both of the Physician and Empiric.

And this is the reason why medicine has made such tardy progress, if any at all till quite recently. For a like reason we perceive, why medicine has always embraced all the follies of ignorance and quackery.

Do we want proof of this? Glance at the practice of the Allopathist of the present-days and it affords ample proof of this as well as that it is an impossibility to thus find a specific for disease. How then, you may ask, is disease to be treated? By specifics



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When Hahnemann discovered  
the Dynamic power of drugs  
and its application to cure disease  
according to "Similia Similibus  
Curantur", he founded a system  
whose very foundation was laid in  
Specifics. He discovered  
to the profession that a specific  
must be given for the  
symptoms of disease, and not  
for the name. And this  
difference, slight as it  
may appear has revolution-  
ized the whole science of  
Medicine, and advanced it  
to almost a perfection,  
perfect in its simplicity, And  
changed a curse, into the  
greatest boon with which  
man was ever blessed,



All Matter, whether animal vegetable or mineral has three distinct medicinal properties, Chemical - Mechanical and Dynamic.

By the Chemical is meant the chemical affinity existing between the drug and the tissues of the body.

By the Mechanical we mean the effort made by nature to throw off the offending substance.

And the Dynamic is the relation existing between the drug and the healthy organism, excluding the Chemical and Mechanical properties.

Crude drugs possess the first



two in their highest degree  
and the Dynamic in its lowest.  
At a glance we see that the  
Dynamic is the most important  
and Hahnemann not only discov-  
ered this but also a way to  
develop its power - ad infinitum  
by his method of Attenuations.  
By his method of Dynamization  
we not only develop the true  
curative power of the drug  
but in an inverse ratio  
we remove the chemical  
and mechanical effects.  
Thus Hahnemann not only  
laid the foundation but built  
the superstructure most  
beautiful in its simplicity.  
One that shall stand through  
all coming years. a monument



both of his wisdom and fame.

Now we might naturally ask why it is, if Homoeopathy is based upon so firm a support and yet so simple in its structure, that the (so called) Homoeopath fails to cure? In reply we may question whether he is a follower of "Similia" or whether he attributes his failure to the noncurative power of attenuated drugs? In reply to the first I shall only say that he alone is a true Homoeopath who from a close observation of the symptoms of disease makes a careful selection of the remedy according to our



low, and if he does this, then  
the attenuated drug will not  
prove noncurative.

What better proof do we want  
of the curative action of potencies  
than that furnished by the, Nat. M.  
Lye, Carb. A, Carb. V. Lach, and  
many others, which in their  
crude state are perfectly worth-  
less as medicines, but in the  
potency furnish the Physician  
with remedial means which  
he could not do without.

I am surprised that there are  
those in our own ranks who  
employ the lower potencies and  
thus tacitly employ apotentized  
medicine, who should decry the  
higher potencies. If it be  
true that the 6<sup>th</sup> potency is so



far superior to the crude drug  
as to develop highly curative  
effects where the drug would  
be useless, can they limit the  
Dynamic power of medicine  
to that potency? Can they  
prove this when some of the  
most valuable remedies have  
been proved in the higher  
potencies. No they cannot  
do this for if a potency be  
a better remedy than the  
crude drug, there is no limit.  
But they say that Homoeopathy  
has been improved since the  
days of Hahnemann, that many  
theories which he advanced have  
been proven utterly worthless  
and false. But this bears no  
direct relation to the subject in



question and is no proof against  
True Hahnemannism, and  
there is a doubt in my mind  
whether Homoeopathy has been  
advanced by such followers of  
its noble and true principles.

On what have they contributed  
to advance it? Have they  
added anything to our Materia  
Medica, it has been after a very  
unreliable proving.

Have they enriched and enlarged  
our already numerous provings  
by clinical proof and experience  
it has been by discarding many  
valuable symptoms as worthless  
and adding in place thereof a  
kind Homoeo-Pathological  
advice and declaring it to be  
too laborious and of no use



to have more than a few  
symptoms.

But it would be useless to enumerate  
the improvements which have been  
added to the science of Homoeopathy  
by those who profess to be true  
Homoeopaths. They undoubtedly  
do good in their own sphere,  
but how much more would they  
be capable of doing if they  
would investigate those truths  
which they ridicule through  
ignorance. How much  
suffering entailed upon man  
by the ignorant abuse of drugs  
would, be obviated, and how  
much quicker safer and better  
would they cure disease.

We have seen that Homoeopathy



has been assailed on all sides  
and that it has no mean foe  
in its own ranks, nevertheless  
it has grown stronger in the  
open and fair fight and has  
advanced until its foes acknowl-  
edge it no mean or harmless  
enemy - and its future progress  
is still forward and onward.

We have seen the tall and lofty  
forest-trees, supported by its  
fellows, raise its head far  
above them all, and yet succumb  
to the gale in which the less  
prelending one of the plain, relying  
upon itself for support has but-  
but-nodded to the blast - and struck  
its roots deeper and taken a firmer  
hold, so that when the gale is



over it stands more firm and  
erect, the rock upon the sea shore  
throws back again and again the  
angry waves that rush against it  
yet it stands unmoved and as  
firmly bedded - as before, So  
shall Homoeopathy rise above the  
insults of its foes and proudly withstand  
efforts made to overthrow it.  
Homoeopathy must succeed, asking  
help from no source and relying  
upon itself for support; founded  
as it is upon a law as immut-  
able as nature itself, its future  
can be but a series of successes.  
Guided by and aided by those  
who have grown war-worn in its  
ranks, we shall bear the brunt  
of the conflict, and as we go  
forth let us do just honor



and revere the memory of  
him who planted the seed from  
which this beautiful tree has  
grown year by year - and  
from which we are daily and  
hourly gathering rich harvests  
of good for suffering humanity

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